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THURSDAY, SEPT. 28, 1899.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

State Ticket
For Judge of the Supreme Court, M. B. REESE, Of Lincoln.
For Regent, E. G. MCGILTON, Of Omaha.
For U. S. Sen., Dr. Wm. B. ELY, Of Alameda.
Congressional Ticket.
For Congress, M. P. KINKAID, Of O'Neill.
Judicial Ticket.
For Judge of 12th Judicial District, F. G. HAMER, Of Kearney.
County Ticket.
For County Treasurer, WALTER GEORGE.
For Sheriff, Capt. V. C. TALBOT.
For County Clerk, JAMES CHITTICK.
For Clerk of Dist. Court, Lieut. H. F. KENNEDY.
For County Judge, J. A. ARMOUR.
For County Superintendent, J. B. TAGGART.
For County Surveyor, F. E. VANANTRIEP.
For County Coroner, Dr. H. F. DAVIES.
Supervisor Ticket.
For Supervisor of 6th District, J. F. FOXWORTHY, Of Custer.
Township Ticket.
Clerk, W. W. COWLES.
Treasurer, J. M. KIMBERLING.
Justices of the Peace, J. J. SNYDER, L. McCANDLESS.
Constables, P. M. TOWSE, Wm. BARRETT.
Road Overseers.
Dist. No. 1, CHAS. DAVIS.
Dist. No. 2, J. B. KENYER.
Dist. No. 3, JOHN BOYCE.
Dist. No. 4, I. N. PERSHALL.
Dist. No. 5, F. H. ARTHUR.
Dist. No. 6, G. E. CADWELL.
Dist. No. 7, C. T. WRIGHT.

VOTE FOR THEM.

"WE HAVE NOT ONE WORD TO SAY AGAINST CLARIS TALBOT OR HORACE KENNEDY. BOTH ARE NICE YOUNG MEN, AND NO DOUBT, RENDERED VALIANT SERVICES AS SOLDIERS BOTH IN THE WAR AGAINST SPAIN AND THE PHILIPPINES."—BEACON, Sept. 14, '99.

Lieut. Kennedy's popularity with the voters of Custer county, increases from day to day, as he daily comes in contact with them.

By voting for Judge Armour for county judge, you will vote for a capable, worthy and christian man, with whom it is a pleasure to do business.

Eli Armstrong was in the city Saturday, doubtless looking after the welfare of the populist "whale," of which he and Fred Cummings are dubbed as the tail.

What is the matter with the pop county central committee, that they did not have Auditor Cornell here yesterday to advocate reform? Two years ago they had him here, and he made several speeches.

Those who are inclined to believe the Beacon in its statement that Capt. V. C. Talbot has not a single qualification for sheriff, are referred to the letter of Lieut. Harry E. Hannis in this issue, written to the editor of the Sargent Leader.

Judge Armour's course, in remaining in his office and attending strictly to the duties thereof, is in accord with his statement that if elected, "his first duty would be to serve the public to the best of his ability." But had you thought what a contrast it is from the actions of pop candidates who in former years had been renominated by their party. Most of them neglected the duties of their offices, and would spend weeks and months campaigning?

At the populist fusion congressional convention, held at Lexington recently, there were 137 democrats and 205 populists. In separate conventions the populists gave Neville 108 votes. In the democratic convention Harrington was the unanimous choice of the 137 democrats, while Neville only received 108 votes of the total 342, and he was declared the nominee, and Harrington was forced to withdraw. It is no wonder the democrats of the Sixth district are not enthusiastic for Neville's election.

The reason Walt George's candidacy for county treasurer strikes the popular chord with the public, is because of his fine business qualifications. His record as a member of the county board, which has been unequalled, is known to the public. Then those who have been at his home, and have seen the system and arrangement on both farm and ranch, know that he is a safe man to trust with the county's finances.

No one on either ticket has a right to expect the suffrage of the voters of Custer county that Lieut. Horace F. Kennedy has. He is a young man who is equally as well qualified as his opponent, and is a bright young man, who, in defense of his country's honor and flag, carries a wound from a mauler bullet, that pierced his body, passing through one lung, which disables him from severe manual labor for the rest of his days. Ought we to vote for him? Yes, every man in Custer county who is able to get to the polls on the 7th day of next November.

Captain Talbot's Qualifications.

Capt. Talbot is one of those bright young men who is able to adapt himself to circumstances with marked ability. When the captain of company M failed to reach Manila he assumed command, and proved to be one of the most efficient officers of the regiment. After being promoted to captain of company G, Lieut. Hannis says he was placed in command of a battalion in the campaign from Malolos to Calumpit, where he led the battalion against the strongest fortified position that the Filipinos had, and demonstrated (that while he was the youngest captain) that he was as competent an officer as we had in the regiment. Another qualification mentioned by his lieutenant is that "he was kind to the boys, and at the same time was a strict disciplinarian, and brought company G out of the army in as good shape as any company in the regiment." Do you believe that the one whom the Beacon chooses to dub as a "smooth faced boy," is qualified for the office of sheriff of Custer county? Let the answer be at the ballot box, 2,000 votes. Yes.

The 1898 Tax.

There is no legitimate excuse that can be offered by the pop leaders for their unheard of proceedings, wherein they have ordered the collection of the 1898 personal property tax by distress. Had the county been in urgent need of money to meet demands, or to keep from going into bankruptcy, the demand would have been received with better grace. But such was not the case. From a political consideration, there was no need. There were taxes delinquent of previous years, which was caused by straightened circumstances brought on by drouth and the financial panic. Had it been necessary to furnish employment for their populist understrappers and coaches, at the expense of the people, they could have ordered that these parties be given employment at collecting the delinquent tax of previous years. The poor farmer or unfortunate business man would have had to pay the expense just the same. The collectors could have done their campaign work on the side just as well without the '98 list as with it. It is true they might not have reaped quite so large a harvest, as there are five that are delinquent on their '98 tax, where there is not more than one or two delinquent for previous years. But a sacrifice of a small part of the revenue to be derived from distressing the poor, would have in a degree been recompensed by the great benefit it would have been to the poor man to have had the privilege of waiting until he could have marketed his crop, and thus save him from having to sacrifice, may be his milk cow, or some other valuable treasure, to pay his '98 tax and the pop campaign hustlers. If the voters have never before been able to see the hypocrisy of the pretended friends of the farmer, they certainly can now. We are in favor of every one paying their legitimate share of tax, and we are in favor of stringent means if necessary, but we are not in favor of compelling innocent women and children to go naked and hungry, that a few politicians may line their pockets.

CUMMINGS BEFORE THE SEARCH LIGHT.

The Character of the Pop Candidate for County Judge, Fred Cummings, Revealed by One of His Own Party.
Peter Rapp, of Berwyn.

Do You Want Such a Man to Hold the Important Position of Probate Judge of Custer County?

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss.
Custer County, ss.

Peter Rapp being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a farmer and stockraiser, and resides two miles north of Berwyn, Custer county, Nebraska, and has been a resident of Custer county sixteen years, and that in March, 1899, he, with three other gentlemen, (whose names are Bert Sanders, Roy Welch and Andrew Nicholson) were driving a bunch of cattle, consisting of one hundred and forty-seven head, from his Custer county farm to his ranch in Rock county, Nebraska, to graze during the summer and to feed upon hay which he had put up on said ranch, and that on March 31st, 1899, he was passing the farm of one Ankney, in north part of Custer county, and that while passing Mr. Ankney's place with his cattle, he noticed about eighteen or twenty head of cattle near the road, and that he asked Mr. Ankney (who was on horse back near) if those were his cattle, he replied that some of them were his (Ankney's) and part of them belonged to that mar (pointing to a farm adjoining his) and that he (Rapp) asked Mr. Ankney to keep the cattle back so they would not mix with his, and that he left his team and wagon in the road and assisted Mr. Ankney to drive their cattle back, and asked him again to keep the cattle back, and that afterwards he helped Mr. Ankney the second time to drive the cattle back, and then drove on with his team, and when about a quarter of a mile away, he saw the cattle coming up and mixing with his, and he then left his team and went back and helped to cut the cattle out and separate them, and by that time, the three gentlemen who were assisting him came up, and he told them to help Mr. Ankney keep the cattle apart, and that he went ahead then and caught up with his team, and supposed everything was all right; that he was driving ahead of the cattle with some young calves in the wagon, so the cows would follow, and that after they had escaped for the night, and went to feed the cattle, they discovered a strange cow with their cattle, and that the gentlemen who were helping him drive informed him that while he (Rapp) was after some hay for the cattle, a strange calf had come from among his cattle and started back down the road, and that just about dark two gentlemen came up to them, and one introduced himself as Mr. Cummings, being the Mr. Fred Cummings who is now a candidate on the populist ticket for county judge of Custer county. Mr. Cummings said, damn you, you have some of my cattle, and that he (Rapp) said perhaps he had to come and see. They took a lantern and went and looked over the cattle and found a cow which Mr. Cummings claimed to be his, and that he replied that that was a strange cow they discovered while feeding the cattle that evening, and did not belong to him (Rapp) after which Mr. Cummings said damn you, pay me for my trip, and that he explained to Mr. Cummings about trying to keep the cattle from mixing at Ankney's and that he had done everything he could to keep them from mixing, and supposed they were separated all right, and did not know that the cow and calf were with him until they stopped for the night; that they would see further about it next morning, and that next morning Mr. Cummings had not put in an appearance when they were ready to start, so they left the strange cow in the corral, and drove on, after which Mr. Cummings overtook them and said, what are you going to do about that calf that left your herd last night, and that he replied to him that he (Cummings) said last night that he

knew where the calf was, and why did he (Cummings) not look after it, and that Cummings replied that the calf was gone from where it was last night, and G—d—n you, you pay for it, which he (Rapp) refused to do, and Cummings replied, I will see that you do, and that about noon of the same day Cummings returned to them with the sheriff of Loup county, at a place where they were at least ten miles from feed or water for their cattle, and that the sheriff informed him that he had a states warrant for him and all his men, and that he (Rapp) asked for the privilege of driving his cattle to some place where there would be feed and water for them, and proposed to the sheriff that he go with them, and then they would all return and go with him (the sheriff) anywhere, which the sheriff refused to do, and that the sheriff, after consulting with Mr. Cummings, said, the best thing is to compromise some way, to which he (Rapp) asked what terms they proposed. They wanted thirty-five dollars: he informed them he had not that amount of money with him. They then demanded and took one of his best saddle horses to secure them until he could return with the cash, and that the \$35.00 which they demanded, "as they said was" for the following purposes: \$10.00 for Cummings' lawyer's fee, \$5.00 for Cummings, \$5.00 for the sheriff, and \$15.00 for pay for the calf, and that Mr. Cummings agreed that upon his (Rapp's) return, that if the calf came home, he would receipt Mr. Rapp for \$15.00, or turn the calf over to him, and that upon his return he called at Mr. Cummings' place to see about the calf, and Mr. Cummings informed him that the cow and calf were both home and all right, and that he asked Mr. Cummings for the receipt, or something to show that the calf had returned, which Mr. Cummings refused, and threatened to shoot him (Rapp) full of holes; that he would never get home if he did not get off his premises.

Mr. Rapp further swears that his horse has never been returned to him, and that it has been traded off to other parties, and he further states that Cummings is one of the most profane, hot-headed, unreasonable, foul-mouthed men he ever had anything to do with, and that he has sued Cummings for \$5,000.00 damages in this case, and the damage suit is now pending in the district court of Custer county, and considers him a man who has not the slightest regard for justice between man and man, and while he is not now nor never has been a politician, nor never mingled any way whatever with politics, and always voted for whom he considers the best men, he warns the voters of Custer county, regardless of political affiliations, from placing such a man as Cummings in the important office of county judge, and that he asks one and all to thoroughly investigate the charges he has made against this man Cummings.

PETER RAPP.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of September, 1899.

F. M. RUBLER,

Notary Public.

BERWYN, Neb., Sept. 20, 1899.

To whom it may concern: We have heard of the sworn statement made by Mr. Peter Rapp regarding the trouble he had with Fred Cummings last March about some cattle, and we can heartily corroborate all that Mr. Rapp has said. We consider it one of the most unjust and cold-blooded outrages that was ever attempted by any professing to be a law abiding citizen. Mr. Rapp was fair and honest in the matter, and Cummings attempted and did take every advantage of him, and cursed and abused him shamefully, without the least provocation. We were with Mr. Rapp at the time, assisting him with his cattle, and

found him to be a gentleman in every sense of the word, and charged us particularly not to allow any other cattle to mix with or follow his. We have no interest in this matter whatever, but like to see justice done between man and man, and know that in this case Cummings was as unjust and unreasonable as a man could be, and in our opinion was attempting to intimidate and obtain money from Mr. Rapp that he had not the slightest grounds for demanding.

We know this to be a true statement.

ANDREW NICHOLSON.

R. R. WELCH.

BURTON SANDERS.

BERWYN, Neb., Sept. 20, 1899.

This man Peter Rapp, I have known him for four years, and have found him strictly honest in every respect.

T. B. BREWER.

BERWYN, Neb., Sept. 20, 1899.

We have known Peter Rapp for ten years, and have done any amount of business with him, and found him honest and honorable in all dealings we have had with Mr. Rapp.

MILLER & WIRT.

BERWYN, Neb., Sept. 20, 1899.

This is to certify that I am Mr. Peter Rapp's closest neighbor, and have been since March, 1890; have invariably found him upright, courteous and strictly honest in all his dealings with me.

REV. RICHARD BELLIS.

BERWYN, Neb., Sept. 23, 1899.

To whom this may concern: I have known Mr. Peter Rapp about three years, and have always found him to be perfectly honest in all dealings I have ever had with him. Very Respectfully,

S. F. JOHNSON.

BERWYN, Neb., Sept. 23, 1899.

This is to certify that I have been personally acquainted with Peter Rapp for fourteen years, and find him to be honest, truthful, and in every way a good citizen, a good neighbor and a gentleman, and recommend him so to all whom it may concern.

S. D. GUIRE.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Sept. 19, '99.

To whom it may concern: This is to certify that I have known Peter Rapp for the term of two years, and have always known him to be a straight forward and honorable man in his dealings with his fellow men, and I have never known him to take undue advantage in any way.

T. M. CODAY.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Sept. 19, '99.

To whom it may concern: I have known Mr. Peter Rapp for ten years, and have had business with him on and off during all that time quite extensively, and have always found him honest, upright and truthful in all our dealings, and never heard his veracity, honesty and uprightness questioned.

WILLIAM S. BREEDING.

BERWYN, Neb.

To whom it may concern: I, being in business here for a number of years, and well acquainted with P. Rapp as a social friend, also as a business man. He cannot be excelled. He pays up prompt, and is honest in all his business dealing, and has the good will of all his neighbors, and is a straight, sober man, and temperate in all things.

H. S. WATERBURY, P. M.

BERWYN, Neb., Sept. 20, 1899.

In regard to Mr. Peter Rapp's honesty and responsibility, I will say that I have known Mr. Rapp for about twelve years; have done business with him at different times, and have always found him straight and honorable in every respect. Would count his word as good as a well secured note.

L. C. MORRIS.

BERWYN, Neb., Sept. 23, 1899.

I, the undersigned, have been personally acquainted with Peter Rapp for 16 years, and find him a man worthy of the highest respect and esteem by all. He is a man of his word, and honest and peaceable, and in every way a good neighbor. We have been very closely connected as neighbors and friends, and never in sixteen years had a quarrel or unfriendly feelings towards one another, and I most heartily recommend him to all whom he may meet.

W. H. MAUK,

Berwyn, Nebr.

Populists, how do you like the combine, with "Beal and Shinn the head, and Cummings and Armstrong the tail?"

PROUD OF HIM.

A Splendid Endorsement From a Comrade of Capt. Talbot.

GENEVA, Neb., Sept 16th, 1899.
Chas. S. Osborne, Sargent, Neb.
DEAR SIR: I am glad to learn that the republican party of Custer county have placed Capt. V. C. Talbot on their ticket for Sheriff, and join with the members of Company G. in wishing him success in the coming campaign; and we feel confident that Talbot will make a good sheriff, as he was one of the most competent officers in the first Nebraska. While Capt. Talbot was one of the youngest Captains in the Regiment, he was placed in command of the First Battalion on the campaign from Malolos to Calumpit, and demonstrated on that campaign that he was as competent an officer as we had in the Regiment, by leading the Battalion against the strongest fortified position that the Filipinos had. He was kind to the boys, and at the same time was a strict disciplinarian and brought Company G. out of the army in as good shape as any company in the Regiment. He is a thorough business man, being one of the few Captains in the Regiment to have his company records in first-class shape.

Again wishing Captain Talbot success, I am, Very Respectfully,
Harry E. Hannis,
Late 2d Lieut. Co. G., 1st Neb.,
U. S. V. Inf'y, Geneva Neb.
—Sargent Leader.

A SALOON-KEEPER, GAMBLER,

Pop Candidate for Congress—A Letter from a Pop to a Pop.

W. D. Hall handed us the following letter and requested its publication.—Sargent Era. (a pop paper):
NORTH PLATTE, Sept. 14, 1899.

W. D. Hall, Esq., Sargent, Neb.:
DEAR SIR—Yours of the 9th inst. received. In regard to the candidacy of Wm. Neville, will say that like yourself I have been voting the populist ticket, but Wm. Neville will not receive my vote. We have a combined saloon, hotel and gambling house here known as the "Hotel Neville." Mr. Neville is the owner of the same, and passes the greater proportion of his time in the gambling rooms of the house. Morally he is not the man that a farmer or an honest populist should vote for. I regret very much that the populists have degenerated to the extent they have in putting up a man of this character. No resident here would differ with me in this statement in regard to his ownership or his drinking or gambling.

He is practically a member of the Catholic church, although his people were Baptists. This would not be anything against him were he either a good Catholic or a good Baptist, but he is neither. When the populist movement started in 1890 he opposed the same strongly, but he accepted the populist nomination for district judge, and while claiming to be a democrat, also claimed that all democrats could be populists. He has always made politics a business, and I consider it the duty of every good citizen and populist to oppose him and his nomination or election to congress.

While still a populist, I shall vote for Judge Kinkaid, with whom I am personally acquainted and know to be an upright man and a friend of the people. I am not taking any active part in politics, but so far as I can propose to oppose Mr. Neville.

In making up your mind whom you are going to support on the republican ticket, do not forget Jas. Chittick for clerk, Prof. J. B. Taggart for superintendent, F. E. Van Antwerp for surveyor, and Dr. Davies for coroner. Then there is Judge Hamer, one of the best judges we ever had, M. P. Kinkaid for congress, and M. B. Reese for the supreme court. Then think of the rest, Capt. Talbot for sheriff, Lieut. Kennedy for clerk of the district court, J. A. Armour for county judge and Walt George for treasurer. Did you ever see a finer array of names on any ticket? Vote for every one of them, and for once be true to your conscience.